

ELECTED BY VETERANS

Hamilton Ward, of Buffalo, New Commander-in-Chief.

REANEY WINS THE CONTEST

Selection of Chaplain Unanimous on Motion of Opponent—Convention Rapidly Disposes of Business—Reception at White House the Feature of the Day's Events.

The principal features of yesterday's program of the encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans were the election of national officers for the year beginning January 1, 1931, the selection of the city for next year's encampment, and a visit, in the afternoon, to the White House, where both comrades and ladies of the auxiliary were received by President Roosevelt.

Ward Nominated First.

Immediately after the invocation, the nomination of candidates for the position of commander-in-chief was declared in order, and the roll-call of States began. There was no response to Arizona, and California, the second on the list, yielded to New York, whereupon Maj. Frank Keck, commander of the New York department, placed in nomination Hamilton Ward, of Buffalo, and, at the request of Past Commander-in-Chief William E. English, of Indiana, the two-minute limit on speeches was taken off.

R. J. Morehead, of Colorado, placed in nomination Gen. George M. Moulton, of Illinois, and Col. Urell, past commander-in-chief, placed before the encampment the nomination of the District of Columbia, which was seconded by Col. Urell, of Illinois, and Col. Stewart, of Illinois, a veteran of two wars, seconded the nomination of Moulton. Col. Carr, of Indiana, arose and seconded that of Ward, and announced that his entire delegation was in support of the nomination of Ward.

This statement brought forth another tremendous demonstration, and when it was quieted, Past Commander-in-Chief English also seconded the nomination of Moulton.

Ohio Indorsed Ward.

Ohio announced that the Buckeye delegation unanimously indorsed the candidacy of the man from Buffalo. Holcomb, of Oklahoma, made similar announcement, and this was the signal for another remarkable outburst of applause. Jones, of Pennsylvania, announced that the entire delegation of the Keystone State desired to second Ward's candidacy.

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PLEADED TO HELP NURSES

Spanish War Veterans Respond to Appeal of Dr. Laura Hughes.

Will Second Efforts of National Association to Have Contract Nurses Placed on Pension Rolls.

The election of national officers of the U. S. W. V. was interrupted for a brief period yesterday morning when Dr. Laura Hughes, of Massachusetts, representing the National Association of Nurses of the Spanish-American War, and accompanied by Dr. Anita McGee, of Washington, D. C., called on the national council meeting.

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The ladies were escorted to the platform, and Dr. Hughes was introduced by Commander-in-Chief Miller, who briefly explained the reason of the visit, and then invited her to speak for herself.

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Dr. Hughes said she asks the support of the United Spanish War Veterans on behalf of the brave women who devoted their lives, under contract with the government, to the soldiers, to the end that those who have been disabled in the government service, and are performing such duty may be placed upon the pension rolls.

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"There are many of those women being brought home now from the Philippines," said Dr. Hughes, "broken up, prematurely aged, disabled physically, and am sorry to say, mentally, just as many of your own comrades have been disabled by their foreign service. You were enlisted, you were trained, you may enter the pension rolls; we are excluded therefrom. Is that just? Is that right? Are not these women who have lost their all in their devotion to you and your comrades, who were recognized on the part of the government that enlisted you and 'contracted' us?"

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"I do not know," she continued, "that it will be necessary to memorialize Congress in order to obtain legislation of this character. Perhaps it can be secured otherwise, as in the case of the nurses of the civil war. But in case we do meet with opposition—if our request is refused—by every one of the 200,000 sisters are denied relief, I ask the support of you, whom we regard as our comrades, in this matter."

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A tremendous shout that must have startled the ladies went up as Dr. Hughes ceased speaking. It was evident that she had touched the hearts of her hearers. A dozen delegates were on their feet in an instant, each claiming the privilege of speaking in support of the resolution.

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Commander-in-Chief Miller put the motion and called for a rising vote, which was received by every one of the 200,000 delegates present, after which the ladies retired and the routine of the encampment was resumed.

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The election of Miss Harriet Hawley, of Washington, as national historian was very enthusiastically received by the assembly, as Miss Hawley is known as one of the hardest workers for the success of the organization. Miss Hawley's nomination was seconded by Mrs. Mary L. Babcock Peeler, president of the Mary L. Babcock Auxiliary, of the District of Columbia. The elections of Mrs. Geddie, of Ohio, as national commander; Mrs. Ida Wisconsin, as assistant national commander; Miss Kitty Wyland, of Ohio, as guard, and Miss Knutson, of Illinois, as assistant guard were not contested.

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The nominating speeches were very well received, and showed clearly the harmonious spirit which pervaded the meeting. The council of administration, as appointed by Mrs. Geddie, is as follows: Mesdames Haublauf, of New York; Patterson, of New York; Wolfram, of Milwaukee; Sidman, of Washington; Lynch, of Washington; Thomet, of Hoot, and Meyers, of New York.

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The meeting to consider the proposed amendment of the by-laws was postponed until today, as was the canteen question, which will be taken up at this session.

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BOUGHT FROM ALEXANDRIA

Discovery Made on Way Home—Police Believe Man Fell Victim of Skillful Pickpocket—At Work on the Case—Reward of Five Hundred Dollars Offered by Bank.

Up to a late hour last night the police of the first precinct had obtained no trace of the \$3,500 in bills lost yesterday by Henry Crump, messenger of the First National Bank, of Alexandria. The money, according to the story of the loss told by Mr. Crump, consisted of three \$1,000 bills and five \$100 bills.

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In company with J. W. Brown, watchman of the Alexandria bank, Mr. Crump came to Washington yesterday morning, bearing a check upon the American National Bank of this city, for \$4,000. Mr. Crump cashed the check at the bank here and proceeded to the cash room of the Treasury to exchange a part of the big bills received from the bank into \$1 bills for use in the Alexandria bank. After obtaining \$500 in \$1 bills he gave them to the watchman to carry, placing the remainder of the money in the envelope given him at the American National Bank, and putting it in his pocket. The two men then went down the avenue to the Alexandria and Mount Vernon station. Arriving there, Mr. Crump felt in his pocket and found the envelope and money missing.

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The police are of the opinion that Mr. Crump lost the money, as he believes, or that he was the victim of a skillful pickpocket, who followed the two men and stole the bills. The principal hope of finding the money is the large denomination of the bills and the difficulty that would be experienced in passing or changing them.

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